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## **McNary 'open house' slated for July 19; pre-registration required for non-U.S. citizens**

**UMATILLA, Ore.** – Visitors can get an inside look at McNary Lock and Dam during a one-day “open house” event slated for Saturday, July 19, operations officials from the Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced today.

Park rangers and operations staff at the dam invite the public to join them for a variety of tours, educational programs and activities from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Guided tours include an up-close look at a hydroelectric generator inside the powerhouse, the navigation lock, the Washington shore fish viewing room, the juvenile fish facility and the Pacific Salmon Visitor Information Center.

“Activities and displays are planned to interest children of all ages...even the grown-up ones,” said David McDermott, natural resources manager at McNary.

Visitors can choose what they want to see and do during the open house. Those wishing to see the Washington shore fish viewing room and the navigation lock should check in with park rangers at the north entrance of the dam on the Washington side. Visitors who want to participate in a powerhouse tour, the JFF, equipment displays and kids activities should check in at the powerhouse gate on the Oregon shore. Visitors should be sure to wear closed-toe, sturdy shoes while touring work areas of the dam.

Non-U.S. citizens who would like to participate on tours which enter restricted-access areas of the dam must pre-register by June 20. Those areas include the powerhouse, navigation lock and Washington shore fish viewing room. To pre-register, call McNary staff at 541-922-2268.

“If non-U.S. citizens miss the registration deadline, they can still participate in the open house activities taking place outside secure areas,” said McDermott. “The visitor center, kids’ activities and big equipment displays will be accessible to everyone.”

Parking is available at both check-in areas. Visitors will not be allowed to bring in purses, bags, cameras, briefcases and similar items into secure areas of the dam. These items cannot be checked in with the security guards and should be left in visitors’ vehicles. Visitor center access at the dams is subject to change without notice.

For more information about this event or other recreation opportunities at McNary Dam, call (541) 922-2268.

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